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EXECUTION OF NAVINAGAR PROJECT IN BIHAR
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any proposal from the Government of Bihar to get the work of Navinagar Projectdone by N.T.P.C. on the line of Barh Project;

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government so far in this regard; and

(c) the time by which this project is likely to be started?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER(SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) to (c): Navinagar Thermal Power Project (2x500 MW) at Aurangabad in Biharwas originally conceived by the Bihar State Electricity Board for implementation withWorld Bank assistance. A Project Report was accordingly submitted to CentralElectricity Authority in September 1988 for techno-economic clearance. However, due to paucity of funds with the State Government, implementation of the project could not be taken up.

In line with the `Mega Power Project Policy` of Government of IndiaNavinagar project at Aurangabad in Bihar was identified in February, 1996 as a Mega Power Project for implementation in the private sector, but the response from private sector against the Request for Qualification (RFQ) was not encouraging.

However, keeping in view the need to increase the capacity addition programme in the Central Sector during 10th and 11th Plan, this project has been viewed as one of the potential projects for development and accordingly. NTPC has beenadvised to initiate preliminary work on the project after assessing its feasibility and marketability of the power to be generated from the project.

NTPC requested all the beneficiaries in the Northern/Western regions tointimate their power requirement from this project. However, there has been no positive response from them. In view of this, it is not possible at this stage to indicate any time frame for implementation of this project.